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Sh Madan Lal. S/o Sh Om Prakash,  
Jain Niwas, MCB Zone-2, H No-10803,  
Street no-18, Parinda Road-18,  
Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar, Bathinda.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o EO, Nagar Council,  
Jaito, Distt Faridkot.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Deputy Director,  
Local Bodies, Ferozepur.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1637 of 2020**

**PRESENT: Sh.Madan Lal as the Appellant**  
**None for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The appellant through RTI application dated 21.12.2019 has sought information regarding decision taken in the meeting on 15.05.2019 alongwith approval of election commission, - copy of order for grant of arrears to the employees retired after decision dated 21.03.2016 – action taken against chowkidar Sh.Pal Singh – copy of letters written to Police station Jaito for action against seven employees - copy of advertisement for appointment of Sh.Gurpreet Singh chowkidar alongwith applications received & copy of recruitment file – copy of dispatch register maintained by Development Branch from 30.10.1999 to 14.12.2019 grant received from MLA,MP,State Govt from 1.1.2007 to 14.12.2019 and other information concerning the office of Eo, NC Jaito. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the first appellate authority on 20.02.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Faridkot. The appellant claims that the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent is absent.

During the course of hearing, it has come to my notice that three appellants Sh.Madan Lal, Sh.Chander Shekhar and Sh.Gurmeet Singh, have filed similar appeal cases (No.1637/2020, 1698/2020 & 1705/2020) for seeking exactly the same information. I cannot allow the appellants to pursue such malpractices especially if said matter comes to my notice that the RTI applications are being fixed amongst various applicants, as during the hearing, it came to notice that all three appellants are closely associated with each other.

The same matter was brought to the notice of Sh.Madan Lal appellant who then requested that the cases be clubbed. In the interest of justice, I accept their plea and club all three cases and direct the EO, NC Jaito to provide only one set of information to Sh.Madan Lal by raising requisite fee as per provisions of RTI Act. Once the appellant deposits the requisite fee, the information be provided as per the RTI Act.

**Appeal Case No. 1637 of 2020**

I also warn all three appellants not to repeat this practice of fixing RTI applications, otherwise I will be constrained to reject such applications in the future.

To come up for further hearing on **04.01.2021 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot.

Sd/-

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated 02.11.2020**

**(KhushwantSingh)**  
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**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Deputy Director,  
Local Bodies, Ferozepur.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1638 of 2020**

**PRESENT: Sh.Madan Lal as the Appellant**  
**None for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The appellant through RTI application dated 28.12.2019 has sought information regarding copy of correspondent done relating to promotion of Ramesh Kumar, Prem Kumar, Kewal Sharma from 07.04.2017 till date – case file of case no.21/2011 against Kewal Sharma copy of audit report of Finance department, Central Audit department from 04/2005 to 03/2007, 11.08.2010 to 07.10.2010 & 04/2007 to 03.2010 - action taken report against employee for missing record relating to book No.120 – computerized CD for deposit of property tax – case file of FIR No.29/18 & 80/30/5/19 against Davinder Kumar clerk and other information concerning the office of EO, NC Jaito. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the first appellate authority on 20.02.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Faridkot. The appellant claims that the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent is absent.

Having gone through the RTI application, the Commission observes that the information that has been asked for by the appellant appears to be the service record of employees Sh.Ramesh Kumar, Sh.Prem Kumar and Sh.Kewal Sharma as well as very voluminous information. I have advised the appellant to revise his RTI application and seek that information, which is not personal, and not voluminous to divert the resources of the public authority.

During the course of hearing, it has come to my notice that two appellants Sh.Madan Lal and Sh.Chander Shekhar, have filed similar appeal cases (No.1638/2020 & 1697/2020) for seeking exactly the same information. I cannot allow the appellants to pursue such malpractices especially if said matter comes to my notice that the RTI applications are being fixed amongst various applicants, as during the hearing, it came to notice that both appellants are closely associated with each other.

The same matter was brought to the notice of the appellant who then requested that the cases be clubbed. In the interest of justice I accept their plea and club both the cases and direct the EO, NC Jaito to provide only one set of information to Sh.Madan Lal by raising requisite fee as per provisions of RTI Act. Since the appellant has also been advised to submit revised RTI application, fee be raised once the appellant submits revised RTI application and information be provided after deposit of requisite fee.

**Appeal Case No. 1638 of 2020**

I also warn both the appellants not to repeat this practice of fixing RTI applications, otherwise I will be constrained to reject such applications in the future.

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**Dated 02.11.2020**

Sd/-  
**(KhushwantSingh)**  
**State Information Commissioner**



Sh.Lajpat Rai, S/o Sh. Harbans Lal,  
H no-B-3/287, Romana Street,  
Jaito, Distt. Faridkot.

...Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Tehsildar, Jatio,  
Distt. Faridkot.

...Respondent

**Complaint Case No. 342 of 2020**

**PRESENT: Sh.Lajpat Rai as the Complainant**  
**Sh.Paramjit Singh Brar, Tehsildar, Jaito for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The complainant through RTI application dated 07.03.2020 has sought information regarding copy of vasika done by Kartar Kaur r/o Jaiti in favour of Sh.Tarsem Chand – copy of record given to DSP Vigilance in enquiry no.29/18 conducted by vigilance on application filed by the appellant to Chief Director Vigilance relating to vasika No.2430 9.12.2018 2052-27.10.2018 vasika No.1076-11.07.2016 etc. – copy of certificate issued by MC Jaito connected with legal property and other information concerning the office of Tehsildar Jaito. The complainant was not provided the information after which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 23.06.2020.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Faridkot. The appellant claims that the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent pleaded that the information asked for by the complainant is not specific since the complainant has not specified the vasika number.

Hearing both the parties, the PIO is directed to relook at the RTI application and provide the information whatever available in the record.

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... Appellant

Versus

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O/o DC,  
Faridkot.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o DC,  
Faridkot.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1700 of 2020**

**PRESENT: Sh.Lajpat Rai as the Appellant**  
**Sh.Jagdeep Singh, RTI Clerk O/o DC Faridkot for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The appellant through RTI application dated 13.01.2020 has sought information regarding copy of file relating to complaint dated 30.07.2018 pending with ADC – action taken on application dated 11.12.2019 – enquiry report of SDM on the complaints of appellant for the month of 7/2019- enquiry report on the application dated 18.12.2019 filed against Kulwinder Singh Clerk in open darbar and other information concerning the office of EO, NC Jaito. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the first appellate authority on 14.02.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Faridkot. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 13.02.2020 and again on 06.03.2020. The appellant is not satisfied.

The appellant is directed to point out the discrepancies, if any, to the PIO with a copy to the Commission and the PIO is directed to remove the same

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... Appellant

Versus

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O/o Addl, Chief Secretary,  
Local Govt, Sector-35-A,  
Chandigarh

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Addl, Chief Secretary,  
Local Govt, Sector-35-A,  
Chandigarh

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1706 of 2020**

**PRESENT: Sh.Lajpat Rai as the Appellant**  
**None for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The appellant through RTI application dated 20.01.2020 has sought information regarding action taken on the application filed for cancellation of probation period of Ramesh Kumar and Prem Chand – action taken on complaint dated 13.11.2019 for missing record by Ajay Singh Clerk - and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Addl.Chief Secretary Local Govt. Punjab Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the first appellate authority on 19.02.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Faridkot. The respondent is absent.

The case is adjourned.

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... Appellant

Versus

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O/o Chief Vigilance Officer,  
Local Govt Deptt, Sector-35-A,  
Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Director,  
Local Govt, Sector-35-A,  
Chandigarh

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1703 of 2020**

**PRESENT: Sh.Lajpat Rai as the Appellant**  
**None for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The appellant through RTI application dated 20.01.2020 has sought information regarding copy of letters dated 28.10.2017 & 1.09.2017 sent to DDLG Ferozepur by CVO with enquiry report on the action taken – copy of letter dated 03.06.2019 forwarded by DC Faridkot for action against employees – details of staff working in the office of CVO – complaints received in NC from 01.01.2006 and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Chief Vigilance Officer, Local Govt. Department Punjab Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the first appellate authority on 20.02.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Faridkot. The respondent is absent.

The case is adjourned.

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... Appellant

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Local Govt Deptt, Sector-35-A,  
Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Director,  
Local Govt, Sector-35-A,  
Chandigarh

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1702 of 2020**

**PRESENT: Sh.Lajpat Rai as the Appellant**  
**None for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The appellant through RTI application dated 23.01.2020 has sought information on 15 points regarding action taken on the application filed for cancellation of probation period of Ramesh Kumar and Prem Chand – action taken on complaint dated 13.11.2019 for misplacing the record by Ajay Singh Clerk - and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Director Local Govt. Punjab Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the first appellate authority on 20.02.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Faridkot. The respondent is absent.

The case is adjourned.

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